

THE KAISER'S ADDRESS

New Reichstag Building Is Dedicated with Much Ceremony.

OPENING OF THE SESSIONS

Emperor William Presides at the Dedication of the New Reichstag--He Says That Recent Events Have Been Favorable to Peace in Europe.

By the United Press. Berlin, Dec. 5.--Emperor William, wearing a British uniform, visited the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York this morning and the two latter afterward returned His Majesty's visit an hour later. They then started for England. After their departure, Emperor William donned a Prussian uniform and prepared to open the reichstag. The radicals are furious that the monarch does not come to parliament. But His Majesty must go to the castle for the ceremony. The Emperor's address says that this shows how modest and unparliamentary plays in Germany.

"Honorable Gentlemen: In the name of my exalted allies I bid you welcome at the beginning of your constitutional work. You will transfer your labors to your new home, which, after ten years of earnest work, is now upon the point of completion, a monument of our national industry. May God's blessings rest upon the house, and may the greatest and welfare of the empire be the goal which you are called upon to work within its walls. I enter into your work with a strong interest in view of the economic and social political tasks which must be solved with your co-operation."

"Faithful to the traditions of our ancestors, my exalted allies and myself regard it as our foremost duty to the state to protect the weaker classes and to assist them in attaining higher economic and moral development. The duty of the state becomes the more imperative as the struggle for existence upon the part of certain sections of the people grows more serious. The federal governments will continue their efforts to promote feelings of content among the people by mitigating the economic and social conditions."

"But, if these efforts are to succeed, it appears necessary to oppose more effectively than hitherto the pernicious conduct of those who attempt to disturb the executive power in the fulfillment of its duty. Experience has shown that the existing legislation does not afford the means required to attain this end. It is necessary to supplement our common law and a necessary bill will be submitted to you without delay which, chiefly by extending the present penal provisions, will increase the protection of public order. I entertain the confident hope that you will lend your energetic co-operation to this serious task."

"Evils to be Remedied. His majesty next alluded to the prejudicial effect of the abuse of Boerse speculation upon national prosperity, and said that to remedy these evils a bill was being prepared which would probably be submitted during the course of the session. Continuing, the emperor said:

"The same is the case in regard to a bill which is intended to protect the trading community against competition which does not scruple to employ unfair means and which will contribute to strengthening confidence in business and commerce. In consequence of the change in the financial situation to the disadvantage of the individual states, which is the result of the imperial revenues, have lately been called upon to contribute to the imperial expenditure. This oppressive state of affairs can only be partially remedied by an increase of the stamp tax and the opening of other fresh sources of revenue is indispensable. To this end a bill for the reform of the tobacco taxation will be submitted to you."

"To my lively satisfaction, confidence in the maintenance of European peace has been further strengthened during the last few years. Faithful to the spirit of our alliance, we cultivate good and friendly relations with all powers. During the course of the last few months two neighboring empires have been deeply stirred by grave events. Germany has sincerely joined in the sympathy which was evinced on all sides, and which once more gave evidence of the solidarity of human feeling. The peaceful wishes, in the death of the emperor of Russia I deplore the loss of a friend and a tried co-operator in works of peace."

Emperor William's delivery of this speech was accompanied by impressive gestures. Several times he raised his voice and looked sternly around, especially at the passages in regard to the Armenian question and the revolutionists and during his pathetic reference to the late czar. His majesty afterward went to the Reichstag building in order to formally perform the ceremony of laying its cornerstone, which is combined with the dedication of the building and the formal opening of the new session of the reichstag. Immense crowds of people were gathered along the route and outside of the new building, and cheered the emperor and the German reigning princes on their way there and upon their arrival. Prince Hohenzollern, the chancellor, and Field Marshal Blumenthal, chief of the general staff of the Prussian army, who is about 84 years old, were accorded an especially warm welcome from the people.

Dedication Ceremonies. The dedication ceremonies passed off without a hitch. The scene was most brilliant. A large date had been constructed for the use of the imperial family and highly favored guests and over it was a canopy topped by the imperial crown. Beneath this canopy the emperor and empress and the German Princes were gathered. Opposite this structure were the military and other notabilities, as well as the members of the diplomatic corps.

The ceremony was a tedious affair, all the participants climbing down from the dais to the stone and giving it three taps. At the conclusion of this ceremony three "hoops" for the emperor were given, the band played the national anthem, and His Majesty and the imperial party retired to an inner chamber of the reichstag building. The crowds then gradually dispersed, while the emperor inspected the building thoroughly under the guidance of Herr Wallot, the chief architect. The absence of General Von Caprivi, the former chancellor, from today's ceremonies was much commented upon.

The new reichstag building, a monumental structure, has taken over ten

WEST WOULD CAG DEBATE

He Makes a Speech in Favor of Closure Resolution.

TO STOP ENDLESS TALKING

Senator Lodge's Resolution Calling for an Investigation of the Action of United States Consul at Shanghai, Is Referred to a Committee.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 5.--The feature of chief interest in the proceedings of the senate today was the short incisive speech of Mr. Vest (Dem.) in support of the closure resolution, which he had offered yesterday, but which he modified today so as to instruct the committee on rules to report before Dec. 15, a plan putting it within the power of the majority to force a vote on any pending bill, resolution or motion. Mr. Vest confessed to a change of opinion on the subject of unlimited debate and appealed to the senate to establish a closure rule if it wished to avoid public contempt and to keep abreast of the aggressive and progressive principles of the American people. His allusions to the tariff fight of last session to parliamentary black-malling by some senators and to the waste of time by others in reading or having read census reports, last year's almanacs and biographical sketches, were very pointed and somewhat amusing.

The resolution offered last Monday by Mr. Lodge (Rep.) calling on the president for information as to the surrender by the United States consul at Shanghai of two Japanese citizens, and as to the subsequent torture and death at the hands of the Chinese authorities was taken up, discussed for an hour and referred to committee on foreign relations. Mr. Peffer's (Pop.) resolution instructing the judiciary committee to report as to the legality of the recent issue of United States bonds was, after remarks by Mr. Peffer, agreed to.

Land Bill in the House. The house this afternoon entered upon the consideration of the bill to permit railroad companies to pool their business under regulations to be established by the inter-state commerce commission.

Previous to the consideration of this bill, the house passed in the morning hour, a bill to prevent the free use of timber on the public lands and to revoke all permits heretofore granted in certain states; also a senate bill making land warrants applicable to the payment of all classes of public lands.

The conference report on the bill to regulate the printing and distributing of public documents, which came over from yesterday, was finally agreed to by a vote of 136 to 95.

CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE. It is Likely That Storekeepers and Gaugers Will Be Classified. By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 5.--Mr. Proctor, president of the civil service commission, had an interview with Secretary Carlisle and Assistant Secretary Curtis as to extending the civil service rules so as to embrace storekeepers and gaugers and others of the internal revenue bureau.

It was practically agreed to place storekeepers, gaugers and all clerks below the position of deputy collectors, in collectors' offices within the classified service. It is also probable, though not certain, that the 300 special agents to be appointed to collect the income tax, will be placed in the classified service. If this is done immediately, the appointments will have to be made from the list of the civil service commission. Otherwise the appointments will be made from the outside and the class of special income tax agent, placed afterward in the classified service.

LOOKS LIKE KID MURPHY. A Young Tough Arrested in Wilmington Will Be Photographed. By the United Press. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.--Two strangers giving the names of John Callahan and James Shannon, arrested for smashing all the windows in the house of Lizzie Green, colored, and driving the inmates to the street in terror, were fined \$10 each in municipal court this morning.

Callahan bears such a strong resemblance to "Kid" Murphy, who is wanted in Chicago to answer the charge of murdering an election officer in that city, on the night of the last election, that he will be held until he can be photographed and his picture sent to Chicago for identification.

SUIT FOR INSURANCE. Lieutenant Hambrough's Father Tries to Collect \$5,000 Pounds. By the United Press. London, Dec. 5.--Major Hambrough, father of Lieutenant Hambrough, for whose murder Alfred John Monson was tried in Edinburgh last year, the trial resulting in the discharge of the prisoner on the verdict of "not proven" some time since instituted a suit against the Mutual Life Insurance company to recover 5,000 pounds on his son's life.

The jury in the case this afternoon returned a verdict for the defendants.

HOW A DEAD MAN VOTED. Queer Story of Election in the "Moon-shiners" Whiskey Districts. By the United Press. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.--A gentleman from Cleveland county, N. C., tells a queer story of how a dead man voted in his county at the recent election. The vote of No. 11 township was thrown out for irregularities. It seems that three men who were sick and unable to go to the polls in person, and three others "moonshiners" who were dodging the internal revenue officers, sent their ballots in sealed envelopes to the pollsters. The envelopes were

NEWS FROM EASTERN WAR

Rumor Afloat That an Armistice Has Been Arranged.

CHINA DREADS THE WINTER

Reported Terms of Peace Under Negotiation--Progress of Marshal Yamagata's Troops--Governor of Kin Chow Degraded--Li Hung Still in Office.

By the United Press. Shanghai, Dec. 5.--It is rumored here that a ten days' armistice has been arranged between China and Japan, and that the terms of peace, which are still under negotiation, are to include an indemnity and the formation of a buffer state consisting of the country now held by the Japanese.

China now fears the winter more than Japan, as the supplies of rice have been kept back too long. Hiroshima, Dec. 5.--A dispatch from Field Marshal Yamagata, dated Antong, Dec. 3, says that the Japanese scouting party sent in the direction of Ling-Shan-Kwan engaged the Chinese outposts on the summit of Moten-Ling on Nov. 15. Only one Japanese soldier was killed and three were wounded. The party was afterward reinforced and occupied a position at Sokoku, where it was attacked by the enemy in large force. More than forty Japanese were killed in this engagement. A company of infantry sent to reconnoiter Kwan-Tien and Sushan was attacked by a large force of Chinese on Nov. 20, at Taskow, and was compelled to retreat with the loss of several killed.

The detachments under General Tachibana and Colonel Nishiyama have reached their destinations after meeting with slight resistance. They attacked the enemy at Salko on Nov. 11 and compelled the Chinese troops to retire.

Chinese Wounded Are Cared For. London, Dec. 5.--A Central News despatch from Shanghai says the steamer Loonan, which was chartered by the Red Cross society has returned to Luku, the Japanese authorities there having refused to allow them on board the steamer to land. The officials at Luku stated to the Red Cross representatives who had the misfortune to be wounded received the same treatment that was accorded to the wounded Japanese.

The same dispatch states that the governor of Kin-Chow has been degraded on account of the capture of Kin-Chow by the Japanese. General Chan has also been deprived of his rank and has been handed over to the board of punishment for allowing the troops under his command to pillage the populace and burn the Catholic church at Kin-Chow.

Li Hung Chang, it is announced, retains his vice-regal power.

EX-SPEAKER GROW OBJECTS. Will Not Allow President's Message Resolution to Pass Unanimously. By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 5.--Just before the house adjourned this afternoon Mr. W. L. Wilson (Dem. W. Va.), chairman of the committee on ways and means, asked unanimous consent for immediate consideration of a resolution discharging the committee of the whole house on the state of the union from further consideration of the president's message and referring the various paragraphs of that document to the appropriate committees having in charge the subject matters discussed.

By ex-speaker Grow, congressman-at-large from Pennsylvania, interposed an inquiry to the speaker. "If this resolution is agreed to," he asked, "will it remove from the committee of the whole the president's message of disapproval?"

On being informed by Speaker Crisp that it would be the effect of the passage of the resolution, Mr. Grow said "Then I object," and the resolution went over.

BRITTLE COMPETITION. Striking Glass Workers Will Operate Against the United States Company. By the United Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 5.--The striking flint glass workers, associated with the South Side business men, propose to erect a plant to manufacture glass plants which will be operated against the United States Glass company.

A capital stock of from \$200,000 to \$250,000 is being subscribed, of which amount \$50,000 will be taken from the treasury of the American Flint Glass Workers union. The factories will be operated on the co-operative plan.

GRAND LODGE MASONS. Result of Yesterday's Annual Election of State Officers. By the United Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.--At the annual grand communication of the Masonic grand lodge of Pennsylvania, held at Masonic temple today, the following officers were elected:

Matthias H. Henderson, R. W. grand master; William J. Kelly, R. W. D. grand master; Henry W. Williams, R. W. S. G. warden; George E. Wagner, R. W. J. G. warden; Thomas R. Patton, R. W. G. treasurer; and Michael Nisbet, R. W. G. secretary.

FOR BOOKS WITH GERMS. Wilkes-Barre Officials to Cremate Diphtheritic Prints. By the United Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 5.--The school officials of Wilkes-Barre will burn all school books found in homes where there is diphtheria.

Dr. W. G. Weaver, a member of the board of control, says the book is a good carrier of the disease.

CEDARVILLE SCORCHED. The Little Village Is Nearly Wiped Out by Fire. By the United Press. Bridgeport, N. J., Dec. 5.--The village of Cedarville was visited this morning by a fire which destroyed \$45,000 worth of property. Bateman's block and Walter Jero's grocery were completely destroyed. The occupants of the block were:

Eldridge & Briggs, drug store; Charles S. Stevens, stove store; Adams & Garrison, furniture ware rooms; C. O. P. Remy's bakery; P. P. Phillips,

KILLED BY FRIGHT.

Singular Death of Mrs. Ann Mullaney, of Carbondale.

HAINES' THRILLING YARN.

Claims That Threats Have Been Made Against His Life Unless He Will Confess That He Is a Bigamist.

By the United Press. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 5.--Morris Haines, the installment salesman, arrested on last Sunday, charged with bigamy upon the complaint of Mrs. Katharine Haines, of Philadelphia, while he was living with his second wife here, made a sensational statement today. He says a man had called to see him at the jail today and told him that if he did not admit he was a bigamist and the lawful husband of the complainant, he would be killed within a month. Haines also claimed that wife No. 1 had called and had told him that she would not let him do it if he would only admit the charge of bigamy so that she could obtain a legal divorce.

He denied his marriage to wife No. 1 and said the whole affair was a plot to injure him. The Philadelphia wife claims to have ample proof of his marriage to Haines, and emphatically denies any knowledge of the visit or threat of any one against Haines. The formal examination will be held in the police court tomorrow.

BURT REWARD MONEY. The Cash Is Divided Among the "Old Sleuths" on the Case. By the United Press. Doylestown, Pa., Dec. 5.--The arbitrators in the Wallace Burt reward case today divided the \$1,000 offered by the county commissioners for the capture of the murderer of the aged Rightly couple.

Gerber Ganges, the colored man who discovered Burt in the woods at Morrisville, was awarded \$485. The balance was distributed as follows: William H. Antwin, of the Philadelphia Record, \$104; Fred Epelheimer, of the Philadelphia Inquirer, \$145.50; and Charles Humphries, \$145.50.

GERMANY WARNS FRANCE. Severance of Diplomatic Relations Threatened. By the United Press. Berlin, Dec. 5.--Count von Munster, the German ambassador in Paris, has threatened the French government with a rupture of diplomatic relations, according to the Berlin Post.

This is the result of the recent charges made in the Paris papers that the attaches of the German embassy were carrying on an organized campaign of espionage in regard to French military and naval affairs.

To License "Tag" Druggists. Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.--The American Retailers' Protective association at its session today adopted a form of bill to be presented to the state legislature to compel all dealers in retail preparations to pay a state license for the transaction for such business.

A Pottery Plant Fired. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 5.--The plant of the Egyptian Pottery company was partially destroyed by fire this afternoon. The flames were due to overheated kiln. Loss, \$15,000; fully insured.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS. Leaking gas smothered W. H. Morrow, a Boston insurance man, in his office. By the fall of a stage scaffold in a Memphis theater seven men were hurt, two probably fatally.

For criminal assault on a little girl, Timothy O'Connell, an ex-clergyman, of New York, was sent to prison for a year.

As the result of a feud between Seminoles and settlers, five Indians were murdered in their cabin, near Santa Rosa, Tex., were murdered by outbreaks in ambush.

By the second dynamite explosion in a Huntington (Ind.) sewer, Henry Bain and Frederick Stalder were fatally injured.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP. Mr. Bland is still hopeful of some free silver legislation.

Rear Admiral Walker has been elected president of the Lighthouse board.

Chairman Sayers hopes to have all the appropriation bills reported before the holiday recess.

The scientific and technical force of the geological survey is to be included in the classified civil service.

The sentence of Lieutenant C. F. Norton, for running the cruiser Adams aground on the Pribilof Islands, in Berg Sea, has been cut down by Secretary Herbert to six months' suspension and loss of numbers.

HEARD OVER THE CABLE.

The Nicaraguan envoy to Great Britain requests the appointment of a minister instead of a consul to that country.

In order to meet the decrease of revenue and increase of expenditure, France will raise the succession taxes \$5,000,000.

The London Times, which was at first skeptical as to the reports of the Armenian massacre, now admits that the worst stories are true.

WEATHER REPORT. For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; variable winds; becoming south.

general store; postoffice; B. T. Powell's law office; Woman's Christian Temperance union rooms, and Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodge rooms. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Ald was summoned from Bridgeport and the firemen took an engine to the place, which is eight miles distant. The whole town was at one time threatened. Several residences caught fire but were saved.

FAMILY'S TERRIFIC TRAMP. Husband, Wife and Five Young Children Walk 375 Miles. By the United Press. Reading, Pa., Dec. 5.--After vainly seeking a fortune in Texas for twenty-three years, Charles Roberts and family have returned penniless to Reading, their old home.

They all walked back through Indiana and Ohio, 375 miles. The youngest of the five children is 6, the oldest 14.

EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING. Delegates Meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and Discuss the Situation--Two Vacancies Next Season. By the United Press. New York, Dec. 5.--The annual convention of the Eastern League opened at 12 o'clock today at the Fifth Avenue hotel. The delegates in attendance are: Buffalo, James Franklin; Providence, W. H. Draper, E. A. Johnson; Erie, Charles H. Morton; Syracuse, George N. Kuntzsch; Wilkes-Barre, E. Bogart, L. W. Long; Scranton, W. L. Jettis, J. A. Swasey; Springfield, Charles T. Shean and Thomas E. Burns.

The board of directors remained in session until 2:45 o'clock, when they adjourned. The chief business considered was as to the position in which Scranton now stands. Last year Troy resigned from the league and there were a number of bids for its franchise. Though other towns bid a higher amount than Troy, Scranton was awarded the franchise for the remainder of the season for the sum of \$500.

Only half that amount was paid and the question which arose was as to whether the Scranton club should be compelled to pay it now, as in the case of a club substituting another during the playing season it does not acquire a new franchise. Each club at the commencement of the season put up a credit of \$250, and this amount was presumably kept back by the Scranton club until was decided whether Scranton would be awarded Troy's franchise. After very considerable discussion the subject was referred to the general meeting of delegates. The championship of last season was awarded to Providence, the other clubs standing in the order named: Syracuse, Erie, Springfield, Buffalo, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Yonkers.

The Yonkers club was dropped from the league. There being one, with a possibility of two more vacancies, in the league, applications were received from Scranton, Rochester, Paterson, Bridgeport, Reading, Fall River and Toronto.

It is expected that a representative from Newark, N. J., will be present at the meeting tomorrow to argue in favor of that city being admitted to the league. There is a disposition on the part of the league to purchase the Erie club and allow the club to retire. If this move is carried through it will make three vacancies in the league, the other two being Scranton and Yonkers.

LAST OF THE VOKES FAMILY. Victoria, Who Was Rosina's Eldest Sister, Dies in England. By the United Press. London, Dec. 5.--Victoria Vokes, who died yesterday, was the eldest and last member of the famous Vokes family of actors and actresses--Victoria, Frederick, Jessie, Fawdon and Rosina. Fawdon took the name of Vokes, the rest were brothers and sisters. Victoria went on the boards at the age of two years. The family made their debut in London in 1808 under the name of the Vokes. Children of the family came to America in 1872, and opened at the Union Square theater, scoring an immediate success. Fred died in London about 1882, and Jessie shortly after. In 1890 Victoria was called to London by her father's illness. He died shortly after and Victoria retired from the stage. She had since resided in Devonshire. Rosina died in January last.

Victoria Vokes was a charming actress and had an attractive and mirthful face.

Will Force Ingalls to Run. By the United Press. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 5.--Cyrus Leland, Jr., chairman of the Republican state central committee and member of the national committee, today announced himself as a candidate for United States senator to succeed John Martin. The result will be for Ingalls to run.

Guyed His Negro Bride. By the United Press. Paris, Ky., Dec. 5.--Jack Howerton, a son of a prominent white person, arrived today with his negro bride, to whom he was married at Cincinnati yesterday. The depot was crowded and the guying was incessant. Becoming enraged he shot into the crowd, wounding Ed Coulman, a bystander. He was overpowered and rushed to jail.

Hospital for the Insane. By the United Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 5.--The state board of charities at its session today agreed to recommend to the legislature the building of another hospital for the insane in western Pennsylvania. It was also decided that the homeopathic school of medicine have charge of the treatment in one state hospital.

Played with a Bull Dog Revolver. By the United Press. Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 5.--Three-year-old Willie Lebro was shot dead by his 6-year-old brother, Edward, at their home today. The children were playing with a building revolver when it accidentally exploded in the elder boys' hands.

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